

Newsletter

REACHING INTO *THE FUTURE*



Five Years of Prayer Yields Outreach Opportunity

Whenever longtime supporters of Marine Reach, Derek and Lynn Laurent, traveled Highway 5 between Rotorua and Taupo, they'd turn off at the sign for Reporoa and grab a coffee to drink. While they sipped, they would pray for the youth of Reporoa.

Reporoa is a small, dairy farming town tucked among steaming geothermal vents and lush pasture land. The community boasts a downtown strip walkable in two minutes.

St. Stephens Church, the Laurent's favorite parking spot, is located across from the college, and unknown to the Laurents, while they've prayed for the last five years, the youth pastor, Kylie Lafaele, had been holding monthly youth events, believing for youth to walk through the doors. Youth numbers in the church are small, so these monthly meetings offer food, games, worship, and a message with the goal of providing a safe place for youth of the town to congregate. These monthly meetings are also an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with the next generation.

During this season of Covid, locked borders, and less activity at the base, the Marine Reach staff have continued to act on the call to be disciples to the

nations, and they have focused their energy on getting involved in New Zealand communities, building lasting relationships between Marine Reach and local churches to support and participate in what God is doing in the country.

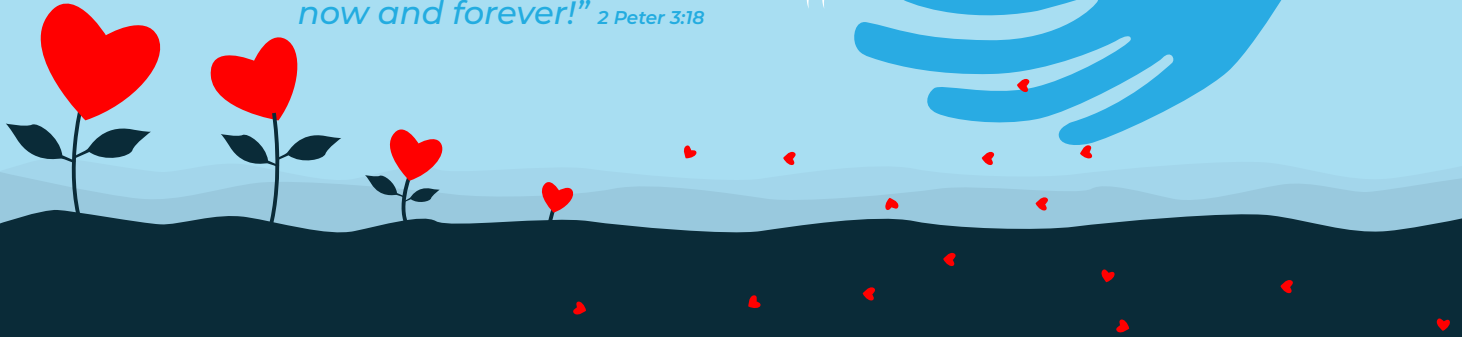
Marine Reach's Community Outreach team has been able to visit Reporoa's youth nights twice, and host the youth for a worship night at the base as well.

Zoe Balzano, Marine Reach staff and repeated visitor to Reporoa, reflects: "Most of the youth in Reporoa have not grown up in Christian homes and a lot of them do not classify themselves as Christians. The majority of the kids have lost immediate family members or had some traumatic life experience. It's incredible to see how open they are with the tough things they have gone through, as well as their willingness to get prayer and hear more about Jesus!"

At the final Youth Night of 2020, the Marine Reach team presented each youth with a two week devotional they had written and promises to return to continue building friendships that, Lord willing, will transform the lives of the Reporoa youth.

To see a short video documenting Marine Reach's time in Reporoa, go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZeHI5VgTBc>

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!” 2 Peter 3:18



One by One

Mission work can be slow and uneventful. Many missionaries have given years of service to a nation only to see very little fruit. Yet, sometimes those seeds do eventually take root, and sometimes rather suddenly a sprout breaks forth from the ground and a harvest looms on the horizon.

Patick Johnny, one of the Family Care Centre's NiVan leaders in Vanuatu, pioneered Mat Time as a forum for discipling the men of his community (see our newsletter from December 2020 for more details). His friendship with a man named Robear is one of those relationships beginning to bear fruit.

Patick recounts how recently he had a conversation with Robear about customs and culture. Not long ago, Robear realised his need for a saviour and gave his life to Jesus through the ministry of Mat Time. This celebrated event happened after almost a year of Patick's investment

into his life. Robear grew up in a family that has a lot of strong cultural beliefs. He shared with Patick how one of his biggest fears is breaking out from these beliefs due to the ongoing, generational nature of the traditions.

Robear makes most of his income from selling crops at the Market, which is a lot of physically intensive manual labour with little monetary return. His children had to stop attending school due to family and financial constraints.

Due to their growing friendship, Patick learned of Robear's situation and obtained his permission to reach out to Life Changer School in Port Vila to ask them to help Robear and his family. Together, Robear and Patick filled out two application forms for his two children, and they were accepted into the school.

Patick observes: "It's a small but important step for this little family. I am so happy to see

God opening new doors for the men of Mat Time. This is just the beginning; I am looking

forward to what God has in store for each man attending our Mat Time program."



For more information about the work in Vanuatu, visit: www.familycarecentre.org





Clockwise from top left: Adam and Beza, Tim and Elzeline, Price Family, Douglas and Juliana and Amy and Silas Bauer.

Life on the Lawn

Behind the Marine Reach Training Centre nestled in the Oropi Hills of Tauranga, a wide, manicured stretch of grass slopes down to the Prayer Chapel for the Nations, a picturesque Remembrance Garden, and a lush orange grove. For students and staff of Marine Reach, the land hosting the Training Centre holds a special place in their hearts.

The back lawn of the Training Centre regularly witnesses significant moments in life at Marine Reach: powhiri's, worship sessions, intercession times, BBQ's, slip-n-slides, soccer/futbol/rugby matches, and countless games of volleyball and Spike Ball. Standing at the Training Centre's back porch looking out, viewers regularly see pairs of students and staff engaged in discipleship-oriented conversations.

Recently, the lawn has further adapted to serve the needs of the ministry today:

In November, longtime staff members, Matt and Jules Price, moved their Tiny-House-In-Progress next to the playground constructed several years ago. As housing costs in Tauranga continue to soar, the Prices found a creative solution to housing their family of four - including Lydia (3) and Bennett (1) - that also allows them to be involved in the ministry and provide on-site leadership. The wide open lawn expanse facilitates many opportunities for the Price children

to burn off excess energy, watch rabbits, and interact with staff and students.

On a drizzly morning in January, two current Discipleship Bible School staff members, German Silas Bauer (DTS - Jan 2018) and American Amy Hulehan (DTS - Jan 2019) were married in a beautiful ceremony on the green lawn in front of the Garden of Remembrance's entry gate. Their bi-lingual wedding was live streamed for both of their families' benefit, and many friends tuned in from around the world to witness the sacred moment. The Marine Reach whanau on-site turned out in their finest dress to help decorate, prepare flowers and food, and shower the couple with well-wishes. David Cowie's handy golf-cart even got to bear the bride to the ceremony!

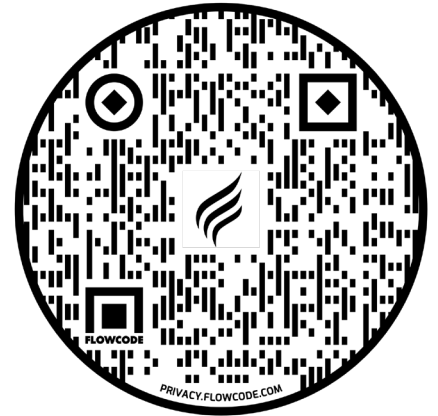
The lawn of the ministry continues to serve and bless the staff and students, and as Amy and Silas join the other three young-married-couples currently living in base housing, the ministry anticipates the landscape of the Training Centre evolving and developing in the future as the staff housing needs grow.



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